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## **Army Corps of Engineers Receives Temporary Roofing Mission**

ST. LOUIS – Today the St. Louis District, Army Corps of Engineers' was notified of a \$3 million temporary roofing mission for the State of Mississippi. A five-member advance team from the District's Temporary Roofing Planning and Response Team (PRT) deployed over the weekend to Vicksburg, Mississippi. Assessments of damaged areas are ongoing, as well as work to locate a forward operating office for the temporary roofing mission. The team's remaining members are preparing to deploy this week.

The Roofing Team is responsible for initiating the advance contract for temporary roofs, acquiring Rights of Entry from homeowners, and providing quality control while temporary roofs are placed over damaged homes.

A total of 17 St. Louis District employees have deployed to staging areas in Louisiana and Mississippi in support of recovery missions associated with Hurricane Katrina. The District has also mobilized and deployed its Emergency Operations Mobile Regional Response Vehicle (RRV) to Camp Shelby, Miss., in support of emergency response operations. The RRV is an independent, self-sustaining command and control vehicle that provides telecommunications and computer support, as well as a meeting area.

The Corps of Engineers and the St. Louis District provide direct support to the Federal Emergency Management Agency in carrying out the Federal Response Plan, which calls on federal agencies to provide coordinated disaster relief and recovery operations. Central to the Corps' support to national emergency preparedness and response strategy is the use of Corps Planning and Response Teams (PRT). Each Corps district has established a PRT dedicated to one of the eight emergency response tasks for which the Corps is responsible: ice, water, emergency power, debris removal, temporary housing, emergency access, temporary roofing, and structural safety assessment. With several PRT teams available for each task area, the Corps can shape its response to the specific emergency.

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Editor's Note: Updates from the St. Louis District will be issued as our mission evolves. Also the Mississippi Valley Division has established a website with recent press releases, Q&As and talking points. The address is <http://www.mvd.usace.army.mil/hurricane/chr.htm>